

A RESOLUTION to honor Amqui Elementary School on being selected as one of the best elementary schools in the nation and the best in Tennessee by Redbook Magazine.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those schools that pursue education with excitement, dedication, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, under the sagacious leadership of Principal Ricky Binkley, Amqui Elementary School of Madison is one such educational institution that deserves the deep respect and admiration of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, Amqui Elementary School was recently chosen by Redbook Magazine as one of the best elementary schools in the nation and the best in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for its combination of imaginative programs, exceptional teachers, involved community businesses and supportive parents, Amqui Elementary is most deserving of this unique accolade; and

WHEREAS, Amqui's "Tiger Dollars" reward system is one of the most innovative and successful programs in our nation today as it rewards students for good grades, and also good behavior; and

WHEREAS, deserving Amqui students are awarded paper money from the Amqui First National Bank and they may use this money to purchase fun items from the school's general store; and

WHEREAS, students also benefit from participation in other worthy Amqui programs including the Amqui Postal Service, where students work as mail carriers, delivering in-house

mail; the Tiger Paw Restaurant, where parents may come eat with their children; and Amqui's WAMQ Radio Station; and

WHEREAS, community businesses in association with the Madison Chamber of Commerce, have established a viable relationship with the school, resulting in the adoption of classrooms by more than 30 businesses and providing a collaborative model for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, the school links every class with a business partner and each year these partners supply more than 250 volunteers to tutor, mentor, and guide the students, an effort honored by PENCIL for two consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the stellar successes of this particular elementary school are made obvious by the school's numerous awards and accolades for excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Amqui received the prestigious Power of Positive Students Award for the 1992 and 1993 school years, a tribute to those schools who encourage students to succeed through developing self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary school was also the distinguished recipient of the 1993 Points of Excellence Award for meeting student and faculty needs; and

WHEREAS, the past three years have been extremely fruitful for Amqui as they have received more than 35 grants for their unique enrichment programs, including a crucial \$51,000 grant for technology to develop classrooms for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes with pride and gratitude the successful efforts of Amqui Elementary School's educators, administrators, students, parents, contributing businesses and, especially, the Madison Chamber of Commerce; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Amqui Elementary School on being selected by Redbook Magazine as one of the best elementary schools in the nation and the best in our great state.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the school on their innovative and superior achievements in education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.